

LAKE DAVIS PIKE ERADICATION PROJECT
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
CERTIFICATION AND PROJECT APPROVAL

This is to certify that the Final Lake Davis Pike Eradication Project Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS) (State Clearinghouse No. 2005092070) was completed in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Pub. Resources Code, section 21000 *et seq.*). The EIR/EIS reflects the Department of Fish and Game's (Department) independent judgment and analysis.

Prior to making a decision on the project, the Department reviewed and considered the information contained in the EIR/EIS, including but not limited to the public comments received. After reviewing and considering the information, and in conjunction with making the attached CEQA Findings of Fact and Statement of Overriding Considerations (Findings), the Department approved a project to eradicate the non-native, invasive pike from Lake Davis and its upper tributaries with liquid rotenone at a reservoir volume of approximately 45,000-48,000 acre-feet. The treatment may take place any time after Labor Day weekend (September 4) through October 31, 2007. This project is essentially Alternative D as modified and described in the Findings. Through the environmental review process, Alternative D was identified as the environmentally superior alternative because it would have the fewest recreational and other environmental impacts, as well as associated economic effects on the local community.

In addition, because circumstances beyond the control of the Department may result in the reservoir not being at a volume of at least 45,000 acre-feet at the time of the treatment, the Department approved a contingency plan, as described in the Findings, that provides for treatment at a volume below 45,000 acre-feet, but as close to that volume as possible. This contingency plan will be invoked only if necessary. This may result in more environmental impacts than a treatment at a reservoir volume of 45,000-48,000 acre-feet, but it will minimize recreational and other environmental impacts, and associated economic effects to the local community as much as possible under the circumstances.

The liquid rotenone formulation to be used is CFT Legumine, plus gel balls using rotenone powder if necessary. Noxfish will not be used, unless an adequate amount of CFT Legumine cannot be obtained; in that case, a minimum and safe amount of Noxfish will be used to supplement CFT Legumine.

The attached Findings, which include a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, are adopted for the Project.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "L. Ryan Broctdrick", with a stylized flourish at the end.

L. Ryan Broctdrick, Director
Department of Fish and Game

Date: January 23, 2007